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# PFEIFER IS PLACED AT KIDNAP HAUNT

Alleged Karpis Aide Got \$10,000 of Hamm Ransom, State Witness Testifies

ST. PAUL, July 16 (AP).—Government prosecutors sought today to show that Jack Pfeifer, night club owner charged with helping to plot the kidnaping of William Hamm Jr., received \$10,000 of the \$100,000 ransom paid for the St. Paul brewer's release.

Pfeifer was the only remaining defendant in a trial which began with three. Edmund C. Bartholmey, former postmaster at Bensenville, Ill., and Alvin Karpis, one-time Public Enemy No. 1, eliminated themselves by pleading guilty after the jury was chosen.

United States District Attorney George F. Sullivan said he would rely considerably on the testimony of Byron Bolton, confessed participant in the kidnaping, and that Bartholmey also would be called by the Government.

## Contact Man Testifies

James McLaren of St. Paul testified yesterday that Pfeifer resembled a man he saw with members of the Barker-Karpis gang in a home which Sullivan claimed was the gang headquarters for several weeks prior to the kidnaping.

William W. Dunn, contact man for the Hamm family, told how he threw a grip containing \$100,000 from an automobile on the day Hamm was released.

Sullivan told the court \$10,000 of the ransom was set aside for Pfeifer when the gang made the split-up at Long Lake, Ill., and \$30,000 was earmarked "to be spread around to three Twin Cities per-

sons," but he did not name them. Their names might be disclosed, he indicated, as the case unfolded in court.

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# G-Men Seek 'Small Fry' After Nailin' Karpis, Campbell and Mahan

WHEN J. Edgar Hoover and his federal agents arrested the jittery Alvin Karpis in New Orleans, and a few days later took his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, and William Mahan, gangland's last big-timers passed out of the crime picture.

The bloodless captures of "Old Creepy," Campbell and Mahan—executed with unexciting efficiency—left only Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., on what the movies have chosen to call the "Public Enemy" list.

Robinson, wanted for kidnaping, hardly rates in the same class with such high-powered desperadoes as Dillinger, Floyd, Barker, Karpis, and others who have been bested in their battle with the federal men.

Mahan is thought to be the last principal of the gang that engineered the \$200,000 abduction of young George Weyerhaeuser in Tacoma, Wash., last year. Washington peace officers also have named him as killer of two policemen in that state within a month after kidnaping of the lumber fortune heir.

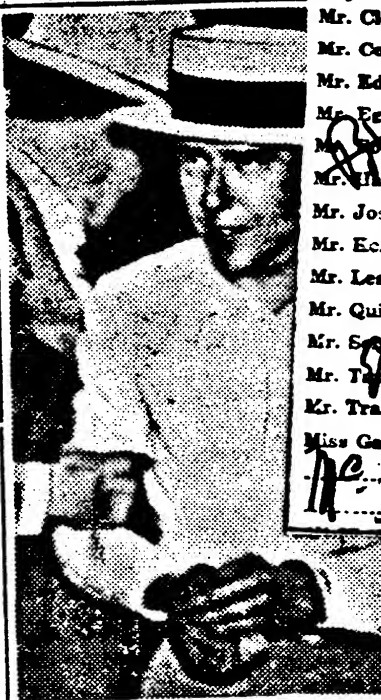
**ROBINSON**—kidnaping of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, prominent in Louisville, Ky., society—has not been heard from for many months. He is a former insane asylum inmate who likes to go about dressed in women's clothes. The government's agents are said to consider him more of a lunatic than a criminal.

Robinson is a lawbreaker, but his record is insignificant compared to those of old underworld quick-triggers who now rest behind bars or under the sod.

In addition to the kidnaping indictments against him, for instance, Karpis was sought for the slaying of a Missouri sheriff, 15 bank robberies, complicity in several other killings, and a multitude of lesser offenses.

Campbell, who was taken to St. Paul to stand trial with Karpis for the Bremer kidnaping, also was wanted by postoffice inspectors. They believe he took part in the Garrettsville, O., train robbery last November, in which the loot amounted to \$46,000.

WHILE Department of Justice operatives refuse to dignify gang hoodlums by classing them as "public enemies," Karpis admittedly had been their chief target since early last year, when he escaped two police traps.



Alvin Karpis is shown, upper right, being escorted into the federal building in St. Paul, to which city he was flown after his capture in New Orleans. His nemesis, J. Edgar Hoover, is pictured at upper left. The three lower photos show the men who became chief targets of federal agents. Harry Campbell, center, and William Mahan, left, were taken a few days after arrest of Karpis. Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., right, still is at large.

Head G-Man Hoover told reporters he was convinced that Karpis, prior to his capture, believed he had eluded the law permanently, and had settled down for a little peaceful and comfortable living in gay New Orleans.

The kidnaper-killer was fond of fishing and hunting. He had planned an angling expedition on the Gulf of Mexico the day of his capture. This, of course, was interrupted.

Today, Alvin Karpis—the man who boasted he never would be taken alive, the gunman who

once threatened the life of J. Edgar Hoover—sits under heavy guard in a St. Paul jail awaiting trial on a kidnaping charge.

Because this crime was committed prior to the enactment of the "Lindbergh law" making kidnaping punishable by death, the maximum penalty he can receive is life imprisonment. There are several people in Missouri, however, who would like to take him to that state and try him for the sheriff's murder they believe he committed. In that case, the outlaw might be hanged.

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## ALLEN SEEKS RETRACTION OF CHARGES

**Jury Foreman Says Some  
Police Profit From  
Gambling.**

Retraction of charges that Toledo police department members are profiting from the operation of gambling houses will be demanded by Police Chief Ray Allen when he appears before the Lucas county grand jury, whose foreman, Parker O. Fox, made the accusation in a personal statement today.

Chief Allen said he will ask the jury to show the basis for the charges and will demand a retraction if they are not substantiated.

The chief's statement followed a conference with John N. Edy, city manager. Mr. Edy after the meeting said the department has no knowledge of members who may be profiting from gambling and has no disposition to protect those who might be shown to have a connection with the gaming houses.

Chief Allen, with Sheriff James O'Reilly, has been summoned before the jury on recall subpoenas which appeared to indicate that the jurors have been ired at the failure of city and county officials to clamp the lid on gambling.

### Leniency Denounced

Mr. Fox charged that certain members of the police department have a connection with the gaming places. He denounced the leniency of actions against the gamblers in municipal court and said that witnesses before the jury have been reluctant to talk, apparently as a result of interference.

Mr. Fox also said that members of city council who vote against the proposed ordinance to license pin ball games will betray themselves by so doing.

The jury today resumed its probe of gambling in the city and county after a recess of two weeks.

Capt. Clarence Fauble, head of the police department vice squad, testified for nearly 20 minutes. He said he was asked for information as to the location of gambling places in the city and their operators, number game syndicates and their operators, and the reason for the lightness of gambling sentences in municipal court. Captain Fauble said he was unable to answer the questions on court policy. No unusual questions were asked, he said.

### Denies Knowledge

Horace Wachter, responding to a subpoena addressed to him at 625 North St. Clair st., was the first witness today. He denied knowledge of gambling operations at 513 1/2 Jefferson ave., the establishment of Harry Lavine. The property at the Jefferson ave. address, Mr. Wachter said, is owned by some of his relatives, but he has no interest in it.

The appearance of Captain Fauble before the grand jurors closely follows his squad's raid on the Joval club, 631 St. Clair st. Tuesday night when two men were arrested on gaming charges.

An indication that the jurors are probing deeply into gambling conditions is seen in the subpoena ordering the appearance of J. C. Underwood, commercial representative of the Western Union Telegraph Co. It is presumed he will be questioned regarding the alleged leasing of telegraph wires to gaming centers carrying horse race results.

Another subpoena was issued for a Patrolman Pittman. There are two Patrolmen Pittmans in the Toledo police department. One is Lloyd and the other Ralph. It is not known which Patrolman Pittman is wanted.

Further attempts to bring in owners or operators of property used for gambling purposes are to be made by the jury. A subpoena was issued for Eliza J. Dow, owner of property at 631 St. Clair st., occupied by Edward Warnke. Mrs. Dow accepted personal service on a subpoena two weeks ago but failed to appear.

Karl Rumpf of the Security-Home Trust Co., has been subpoenaed to report on property at 625 North St. Clair st.

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# LINKS HARWOOD TO BOOKIE JOINT RAIDED BY NESS

Relative Aids Secret Police In-  
vestigation; Gambler Was  
"Tipped Off"

Safety Director Eliot Ness' secret investigation into the affairs of Capt. Michael J. Harwood today was bolstered by an affidavit linking the police official to the operating of the Blackhawk restaurant, alleged gambling joint recently raided by the director.

The evidence was turned in by Frank Osborne, a relative by marriage to Harwood, who swore he was in the Blackhawk on the day that Mr. Ness invaded the place.

In the course of his testimony, Osborne charged that:

EDDIE HARWOOD, son of the captain, was the active operator of the alleged bookie joint.

CAPT. HARWOOD himself had been a visitor in the gambling room and that he was a frequent visitor at the restaurant.

RAID made by Ness had been tipped off to young Harwood, but he had been supplied with the wrong license number of the raiders' car.

A FEW HOURS after the raid Capt. Harwood met his son and "bawled him out" for getting caught, especially after being warned.

Osborne described himself as the divorced husband of Mrs. Mary McMillan Osborne, aunt of Capt. Harwood, who died Jan. 18. This is the relative whom the Harwoods claim left them a large bequest in her will. An examination of her estate shows she did leave Capt. Harwood about \$30,000.

After her death, Mr. Osborne says, Capt. Harwood told him he would try to do something for him. He said he was directed to Eddie Harwood, who hired him at the Black Hawk at \$4 a week, plus room and board. Eddie, he alleges, was taking bets at the place and ordered him to install a buzzer system to sound an alarm at the approach of police.

Also at Edward's direction, he added, he installed a sliding board to conceal race bet information. Osborne furthermore described how young Harwood and his helpers quickly cleared out all evidence on one occasion when Capt. Fenton Barrett visited the restaurant with a squad of police.

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# SAYS HE SAW CAPT. HARWOOD IN BET JOINT

Maker of Affidavit Swears  
He Was Employe of Raid-  
ed Bookie Resort.

IMPORTANT, SAYS NESS

Effort for Comment Fails;  
Officer Away; Son Silent.

BY RALPH KELLY.

A man who swore he was a former employe of the bookie joint at 1775 Ivanhoe Road N. E. which was raided by Safety Director Elliot Ness on June 6, yesterday made an affidavit to the Plain Dealer describing the operation of the joint.

The affidavit said that Edward Harwood, son of Police Captain Michael J. Harwood, was one of the active proprietors of the joint from late in January, 1936, until the raid by Ness, which resulted in an order by Ness that Capt. Harwood be relieved of command of the Fourteenth Precinct pending investigation.

The affidavit also said Capt. Harwood once visited the gambling room while bets were being taken and had many times driven up in front and requested that Edward Harwood be sent for to come out and talk to him.

Capt. Harwood also sat many times in the restaurant in front of the betting room, which was directly linked with the restaurant by a warning buzzer system, the affidavit said.

Says Captain Made Visit.

The affidavit said further that Capt. Harwood was in the gambling room many times after betting hours, once during betting hours, and was familiar with all its arrangements.

The affidavit was made by Frank Osborne, who said he was the ex-husband of an aunt of Capt. Harwood and had been employed at the bookie joint or at the Checkerboard Restaurant, operated by Edward Harwood, since about Jan. 20.

A copy of the affidavit was presented to Director Ness last night. "The testimony of this witness will have a very important bearing on the situation concerning Capt. Harwood," Ness said, after reading the affidavit. He declined further comment.

Capt. Harwood was in command of the Fourteenth Precinct, in which the bookie establishment was located, at the time the raid was made. He had been transferred back to the Fourteenth in May after a sick leave.

Osborne described the operation of the establishment as a "bookie" joint in great detail, including a description of the Ness raid, which was made while Ness was touring the precinct at the request of Councilman Anton Vehovec of the 32d ward. Vehovec had charged that the precinct was "wide open" and that Capt. Harwood was permitting his son to run a bookie joint.

Osborne said that on the day of the raid, he was at Capt. Harwood's house repairing furniture when he was told by one of the Harwood family that he was wanted at the Black Hawk restaurant, which had the betting room, at once by Edward Harwood.

"When I got there, Eddie said the kid they had behind the counter was too green and might get excited," Osborne said. "They had been warned there was probably going to be a raid."

"I was given the number of an

automobile to watch for, and I sat in the front window and watched for it. I saw a car drive by, and all the men in it looked our way. The car stopped a little way up, and I knew this was the raid, although the auto license number wasn't right.

"I pressed the buzzer, which warned the back room that police were coming, and almost everybody piled out the back door. Edward Harwood had been in the room, but had just gone up to the drug store. Capt. Harwood had been in front of the restaurant about fifteen minutes before talking to Eddie, but had gone away."

Appears After Raid.

Edward Harwood entered the establishment about ten minutes after Ness raided it. He admitted to Ness that he rented the establishment to "some one named Joe," but denied he knew it was a bookie joint.

Osborne said he left the building when the raid began, went to 1763 Ivanhoe Road, which was then his residence, and stood out in front. He said Edward Harwood came to him and asked him what had happened.

A few hours after the raid, Capt. Harwood and Edward met at the Checkerboard Restaurant, which is near E. 172d Street on Euclid Avenue, and Capt. Harwood "bawled Eddie out" for going back into the establishment at all, Osborne said.

"You were a damn fool to go back in and let them get just the man they wanted, especially when you were warned," Osborne quoted Capt. Harwood as shouting at Edward.

The captain also told Edward that he hadn't licked him in a long time, adding: "But I've a good mind to take a belt at you now," Osborne said.

Plain Dealer reporters went last night to Capt. Harwood's home at 17117 Hillsboro Road S. E. to ask him if he cared to comment on the affidavit. Mrs. Harwood, speaking from an upper window, told the reporters that the captain was out of town, that Capt. Harwood could not be reached by phone.

She directed them to see Edward at the Checkerboard.

Told of the affidavit, Edward said: "Where did he make the affidavit?"

To later questions, Edward pushed his hand against his cheek and after long periods of silence repeated several times: "Don't know nothing."

"We wanted to give you and the captain a chance to reply to the affidavit," the reporters said.

Again Edward sat, as if thinking deeply, then said:

"Don't know nothing about it."

Osborne said he was the divorced husband of Mrs. Mary McMillan Osborne, aunt of Capt. Harwood, who died Jan. 15. A will of Mrs. McMillan's was later filed in Probate Court, revealing that Capt. Harwood had been made the chief beneficiary of her estate.

Osborne accused the Harwoods of interfering in his relations with Mrs. Osborne, and said he once had a fist fight with Edward Harwood and another man when he tried to see his former wife, and was badly beaten up.

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**Arrested After Row.**

After the fight with Edward Harwood, Osborne said, he was arrested for intoxication and sentenced to the Warrensville workhouse.

"My object of making these statements is for an old standing family sore and revenge," he said in his statement.

After his ex-wife died, Osborne said, Capt. Harwood told him he would see if "something can't be fixed up for you," and later directed him to Edward, who employed him at the Black Hawk at \$4 a week, plus room and meals.

Osborne said that when he began

to work in the Black Hawk, "about Jan. 20 or 25," Edward Harwood and another man were taking bets in a cubbyhole between the restaurant and the one-room addition later used as a gambling room.

At Edward's direction, Osborne said, he installed a buzzer system with eight buttons in the restaurant. One of the two buzzers notified the occupants of the approach of police and the other notified occupants that an "all-right customer" was coming in, Osborne said.

Also at Edward's direction, he installed a sliding board, to conceal race bet information, Osborn said.

Edward spent most of his time back in the gambling room after it was put into operation, Osborn said. On one occasion, he added, Capt. Harwood entered the room and crossed to the rear, while a score of bettors were in the room, to inspect work Osborn was doing on a piano.

**Tells of Moving Day.**

A few days before the Ness raid, Osborne said, Capt. Harwood, Edward, he himself and several other men moved a lot of furniture from the room used as the gambling room into a trailer to be taken to another restaurant. Gambling had stopped for that day when the furniture was moved, Osborne said.

Osborne told how rapidly Edward Harwood and a partner worked in clearing all legal evidence out of the room when the buzzer notifying of arrival of police was sounded.

"Once, when Capt. Barrett (Fenton Barrett) was in charge of the precinct, he came over with a squad and went in the back room," Osborne said. "Eddie cleared the room quickly, and when the captain got in some men were playing ping pong and some were playing pool."

"The captain stayed around for nearly an hour watching the ping-pong players. When he went away the race betting began again."

Osborne quoted Edward Harwood as saying that if he and "Jim" (another employee) had been inside the day of the Ness raid the safety director "wouldn't have gotten anything at all."



## Quiet Patriotism

### Devoted and Effective

When you think of patriots you think of Nathan Hale on his gallows, of Washington at Valley Forge, of armies of shouting men surging across reverberating battlefields.

You do not think of a successful Chicago physician, his wife and her sister; quiet, cultured people dwelling in pleasant dignity in a respectable North Side street.

Yet the physician, Dr. William R. Cubbins; his wife, and her sister, Miss Alma Brindley, are proved patriots. They have served their country devotedly, served it **EFFECTIVELY**, and at the very genuine risk of their lives.

Their service was in the war against CRIME. Like you and millions of other Americans, they knew, because they read the newspapers, that an arrogant, vicious underworld was waging ceaseless warfare upon decent society, but they did not feel that the conflict ever would touch them personally.

Then a federal agent, a "G-man," came to them with an astonishing request. They said yes, because they considered it their duty, and then they were suddenly in the very midst of the war against crime.

An interesting series of articles now appearing in The Chicago American tells how, through the help of this unobtrusive family, the government was able to break up the desperate Barker-Karpis gang of kidnapers, bandits and murderers, to destroy some of the members and send the others to prison.

Reading the articles, you admire the calm courage and high sense of duty of the little group that makes up the Cubbins household.

It comes to you, too, that there are millions of Americans like the Cubbinses, quietly but unshakably devoted to right and decency.

It is a comforting reflection, for in that devotion lies America's security against being overwhelmed by organized violence or undermined by whispering corruption.

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# KANSAS PATROL WARS ON CRIME

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### Salute to G-Men

No finer group of investigators of crime, fearless hunters of super badmen, exists in the world than the agents of the Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, under J. Edgar Hoover. And no finer sample of their infinite patience and courageous adherence to duty can be cited than the arrest of Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis, in New Orleans, on the night of May 1. Skill and daring of a rare order was displayed when Karpis, together with Fred Hunter and the mysterious "Ruth," were captured, for not a shot was fired, not a drop of blood spilled in making the arrests. Karpis, wanted for murder, kidnaping, train robbery and other crimes, wilted before Mr. Hoover's G-Men, made no resistance—so cleverly was the trap planted, so completely was he taken by surprise. For their tenacious persistence, for their resource, for their intelligent handling of a manhunt, for the fear which they have instilled into law-breakers the country over—G-Men, we salute you!—  
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**William Mead, Noted Swindler, Arrested**  
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While Mead is being held by Federal agents, he will be questioned regarding his possible participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul. The Justice Department said:

"During the course of the investigation relating to the Bremer kidnaping, Mead engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated that he would possibly have information concerning the abduction."

Mead was described as a criminal who operated on an international scale. At 59 years of age, his police record is filled with brushes with the law both in this country and abroad. Several years ago he was arrested by London's Scotland Yard on a conspiracy charge.

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Flood in Omaha said Mead came there several days ago. He did not resist arrest. Flood said he may be turned over to postal inspectors. The prisoner is under indictment in Jacksonville, Fla., and jumped \$10,000 bond about a year ago in Chicago, the Omaha agents said.

George F. Sullivan, United States attorney, in St. Paul, said that there is no case against Mead in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, in his office here.

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Before she had time to question him, G-man Tihlmann was gone. Quite literally, he was off to the wars.

How four weeks of surveillance from their hideaway in the Cubbins home brought swift and dramatic results in the G-Men's game of hide-and-seek with public enemies will be related in the second article of this series.

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## Swindler to Be-Questioned On Finances

### G Men Believe Mead May Have Information on Abduction

William Elder Mead, international confidence man, was seized today at Omaha, in connection with the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case.

Known as the "Christian Kid," the 59-year-old swindler is also reputed to have once swindled Martin Wunderlich, contractor of St. Paul and Jefferson City, Mo., and a friend of Mr. Bremer, out of \$50,000 to \$200,000.

#### Operates in England

Criminal record of Mead dates to 1896, according to Attorney General Homer S. Cummings, who announced the arrest in Washington.

He has operated in England as well as in the United States, Cummings said.

He had been sought since early in 1934, shortly after the abduction of Mr. Bremer for \$200,000 ransom, and, although he was picked up on a minor charge in Northampton, Mass., a year ago, he was not recognized and later he jumped bail.

His fingerprints had been mutilated, according to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the U. S. department of justice, but they were sent to the bureau in Washington, following the Massachusetts arrest, and identified.

#### Done by Dillinger Doctor

The painful operation was performed, Hoover said, by the same doctors who performed the facial and fingerprint operations on John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter. Hoover declared Mead was the confidant of Louis Piquett, convicted of harboring John Dillinger. Hoover explained that Mead had "engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated he would possibly have information concerning the Bremer abduction."

He was not sought as an actual participant, however, Hoover said. Speculation immediately arose whether the "financial transactions" mentioned by Hoover might be the reported swindling of the Bremer friend, Wunderlich.

#### Lured from St. Paul

Wunderlich had been lured from St. Paul to South Bend, Ind., by a man who represented himself as one who could help to obtain certain governmental contracts in Indiana.

While awaiting developments in a South Bend hotel, the story goes, Wunderlich was induced by a "Kentucky colonel" and friends to plunge in horse races—at first in small bets, later in large ones—until Wunderlich and his fellow "guessers" were supposedly ahead \$800,000.

#### Gang Takes \$50,000

At this point, it was reported, Wunderlich was told he'd have to show actual cash to collect his winnings. It was said he returned to St. Paul with Mead to draw \$50,000 from Bremer's Commercial State bank. At South Bend, the friends took the money and disappeared, it was said.

Mead, federal authorities said, is wanted in Jacksonville, Fla., on a mail fraud case. He jumped a \$10,000 bond a year ago in Chicago, agents said. He was arrested without resistance in an Omaha hotel by two agents.

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## G-MEN ARREST WILLIAM MEAD IN KIDNAPING

### Federal Agents Claim He's International Confidence Man

(By The Associated Press)

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The arrest was made by Flood and another agent.

Flood said Mead may be turned over to postal inspectors. He is under indictment at Jacksonville, Fla., and, the agents said, jumped a \$10,000 bond a year ago in Chicago.

#### ANNOUNCED BY CUMMINGS

(By The Associated Press)

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Cummings said Mead was arrested by special agents in Omaha today.

Arrest orders for the 59-year-old man went out after the federal bureau checked his mutilated finger prints a year ago. Mead, who had been arrested in Northampton, Mass., on a minor automobile charge, had jumped bail before the bureau could order his detention. Local police did not recognize him, but his identity was found through finger prints here.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, said Mead "has maintained a highly efficient system of criminal contacts throughout the United States," has operated in foreign countries, and "was the confidant" of Louis Pi-quetti, Chicago lawyer convicted of harboring a Dillinger gangster.

Hoover said mutilation of Mead's finger print was performed by the same doctors who performed facial and finger print operations on John Dillinger and Homer Van Meter.

Offices of the U. S. district attorney here said an indictment was pending against William Mead in an alleged swindle which occurred in Jacksonville nearly 10 years ago. Mead, the attorney's office said, was arrested here about a year and a half ago, but estreated \$10,000 bond, and has been sought since. Full details of the swindle were not available.

#### HIS STATUS IN JAX

The United States district attorney's office said today it would enter a retain order against William Elmer Mead, arrested in Omaha for questioning about the Bremer kidnaping case.

If Mead is released from custody in the Bremer case, the announcement said, he will be returned here to face an indictment charging use of the mails to defraud.

The indictment states Mead, alias Clark, H. C. Howard, alias Leon Felix, and William A. Shaw, alias Brady, swindled \$11,360 from Arthur C. Morton of Whitman, Mass., in 1921 through a stock market wire tapping scheme.

Mead pleaded innocent and posted a \$10,000 bond in 1923 after he had forfeited a previous bond. He disappeared and the \$10,000 bond was ordered estreated in 1934.

Howard pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve two years in the federal penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1,000. The prison sentence was suspended and Howard placed on probation for five years. Records here show he did not violate his probation.

Shaw also pleaded guilty and drew a two year suspended sentence.

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## U. S. TAKES ANOTHER IN BREMER KIDNAPING

Confidence Man Had Knowl-  
edge of Transaction

*By United Press*  
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THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS,  
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## NOTED SWINDLER TO BE QUIZZED IN BREMER SNATCH

WASHINGTON —(INS)— Arrest of William Elmer Mead, notorious swindler and international confidence man, whose activities were linked with the Dillinger gang, was announced today by Attorney General Cummings. Mead was captured in Omaha.

While Mead is being held by federal agents, he will be questioned regarding his possible participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul.

"During the course of the investigation relating to the Bremer kidnaping, Mead engaged in certain financial transactions which indicated that he would possibly have information concerning the abduction," the department said.

Mead was described as a criminal who operated on an international scale. At 59 years of age, his police record is filled with brushes with the law both in this country and abroad. Several years ago he was arrested by London's Scotland yard on a conspiracy charge.

"Mead has maintained a highly efficient system of criminal contact through the United States," the department added. He was a confidant of Lewis Piquett who was recently convicted of harboring Homer Van Meter, member of the Dillinger gang.

ANOTHER SUSPECT IN  
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WILLIAM ELMER MEAD

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ALBANY (N.Y.) EVENING NEWS  
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APPROXIMATELY 11:30 P.M. THIS MORNING, JULY 19, 1935, AGENTS AT OMAHA, IOWA, CAPTURED WILLIAM BREMER HEAD, 39, WHO SAID HE WAS BEING QUESTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WILLIAM BREMER KIDNAPING CASE.

HEAD CAPTURED IN IOWA. CUMMINGS SAID HEAD, 39, IS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL MAN WHOSE CRIMINAL RECORD DATES BACK TO 1924. CUMMINGS SAID HEAD HAD NOT LIMITED HIS ACTIVITIES TO ANY PARTICULARITY BUT WAS OPERATED IN THE U.S. AND ENGLAND.

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## Pal of Slain Bandit Bares Crime Trail

By A. J. STRAUSS

Enid News-Eagle Staff Writer

(Written Exclusively for the Associated Press)

Enid, Okla., July 9. (AP)—An amazing story of how two demented St. Peter, Minn., asylum fugitives, hiding behind a front of respectability, staged a series of robberies and other crimes in Oklahoma and Kansas was told to me today by Donald Reeder, one of the pair.

The 27-year-old fugitive Minnesota bank robber talked coolly of his plans to lay by a small fortune and escape into Mexico as his companion, murderous Lawrence De Vol lay in a morgue here.

Before De Vol died in a hail of police bullets last night, his blazing-pistol had taken the life of Patrolman Cal Palmer and dangerously wounded Ralph Knarr, another Enid policeman.

In a jail cell here, Reeder told me how he and De Vol, Barker-Karpis gang triggerman, had lived off the profits of forays into Kansas and nearby Oklahoma points, amassing funds with which to make their way to Mexico—and freedom.

### Planned Another Foray

Reeder left in the hands of Enid police a mapped plan of action for a bank robbery next week. He said they had hoped to rifle a Concordia, Kas., bank of \$10,000 to complete their fortune.

These plans went away when De Vol was killed as he ran from a beer parlor, where he had shot down the two Enid officers.

Reeder told me the two had held

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The end of the crime trail came Wednesday night for Lawrence De Vol, former Karpis-Barker mobster, who was slain by Enid officers.



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## BANDIT BARES CRIME CAREER

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up banks at Little River and Turon, Kas., within the last two weeks, and one at another Kansas town—he couldn't remember the name.

He said he joked with Harry Harvell proprietor of a Pond Creek dry goods store, who was held hostage by three armed men last month while the trio looted his store.

Harvell identified Reeder as one of the three men who committed the robbery and engaged in a gun fight with a Pond Creek night officer as they fled.

Then Reeder showed me his back exhibiting evidence of having been punctured recently by buckshot. He said that was a memento from a Perry night watchman, who surprised him, De Vol, and a third St. Peter fugitive, Albert Soroko, slain later at Oklahoma City.

The Perry officer was fired upon, and shot Reeder as the three gunmen ran from the rear of a hardware store. Reeder stumbled, and his companions half carried, half dragged him to a waiting automobile.

The three of them came to Oklahoma recently, Reeder said after escaping with 13 other inmates June 7 from the Minnesota hospital for criminally insane.

Soroko was the first to die. Arriving at Oklahoma City, Soroko got drunk, Reeder told me, and was killed in a residential cafe when he tried to hold it up without reckoning with the police.

Like De Vol, Soroko died in a blast of police bullets and with his own pistol blazing. Soroko was shot eight times.

Reeder said he and De Vol were at an Oklahoma City dance hall when Soroko was slain, and immediately left, going to Enid where they remained.

Well dressed, and staying at best hotels, they continued their forays.

**Would Work for "Nickel"**  
For his present plight, Reeder blamed unemployment.

"I couldn't take it—there was no work to do," he said. "But I'd work for a nickel a day now, just to be a free man."

Reeder said he intended at first to stage one crime to get money for his family. He said he obtained \$3,000 by robbing a Lauverne, Minn., bank, but was arrested four months later and sent to Stillwater, Minn., penitentiary for life in 1931.

Unable to escape, he said he feigned insanity and was sent to St. Peter early this year.

There, he said, he fell in with leaders of the escape plot, and joined them in ripping out bars by which the 16 fled.

Reeder said five of them fled together, but two of them were recaptured, and he, De Vol and Soroko continued their flight, which led them thru Iowa, to South Dakota, thru Nebraska and Kansas and later to Oklahoma.

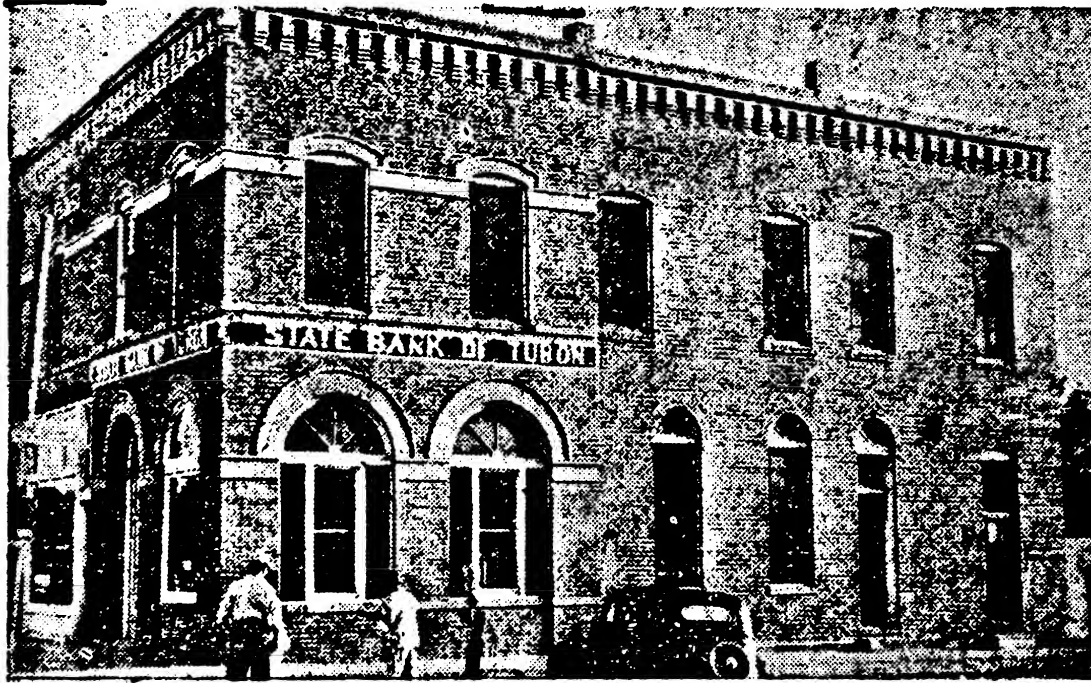
They obtained food, Reeder said, by breaking into grocery stores. At Hanover, Kas., he said, they looted a hardware store of shotguns and \$200 in cash.

Their flight was made in "13 or 14 cars," Reeder said.

Reeder said he was playing poker in an Enid home when news came of De Vol's killing. He said he hastened to his hotel, swept up his cash, and was walking up the street with an Enid girl who he knew as J. A. Tarrant, when officers captured him.

THE WICHITA BEACON WICHITA KANSAS JULY 9, 1936.

# TURON BANK AFTER BANDIT FORAY



Lawrence De Vol, slain at Enid, and his companion, Donald Reeder, are said to have robbed the State Bank of Turon of more than \$500 Wednesday about 3 o'clock. At top is shown the bank. Below (left) are Mrs. Jeanette Shandline, assistant cashier, in the doorway of the vault, and Mrs. Walter Jones, at the adding machine. Bottom (right) are Walter Jones (left) cashier, and F. H. Tooley, police chief of Turon.

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# KIDNAP FIGURE HELD IN FRAUD

William Elmer Mead, suspect in the Bremer kidnaping case will be turned over to the postal inspection service today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mead, arrested by the G-Men, is wanted by the Post Office Department for using the mails to defraud.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the G-Men, in announcing his arrest yesterday, said that Mead has been sought for some time for connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, of St. Paul. Mead's part, it was explained, was not in the actual kidnaping, but he was believed to know "a great deal" about the handling and disposition of the ransom money.

Mead is wanted not only by the Post Office Department, but by police in a dozen cities for stock swindles, shakedowns and confidence games of all sorts, it was asserted.

His criminal record extends over 40 of his 58 years, it was stated, and his swindles total hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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# KARPIS GANGSTER SLAIN IN GUN DUEL

Officer Dies, Two Wounded  
as Escaped Convict Is  
Shot in Oklahoma.

By the Associated Press.

ENID, Okla., July 9.—A quick-firing gunman who was slain by officers after killing one Enid policeman and wounding two others was identified by fingerprints today as Lawrence de Vol, widely-hunted Karpis-Barker mobster who led 15 escaping convicts from a Minnesota insane hospital last month.

Desk Sgt. Harold Woolwine said the man was De Vol. When accosted by police in a beer parlor last night the youthful stranger paled, nervously finished his stein, drew a pistol and began firing.

Patrolman Cal Palmer was killed and his fellow officer, Ralph Knarr, was wounded seriously. Assistant Chief of Police Lelon Coyle and another officer chased the gunman two blocks and shot him down, but not before he had shot off one of Coyle's fingers.

## Called to Beer Parlor.

The officers were called to the beer parlor by the proprietor, Jim O'Neal, a former policeman, who feared a hold-up.

Shortly after the shooting, police arrested a man who gave the name of Donald Reader. He said he was De Vol's companion, that they escaped together from the St. Peter, Minn., Asylum June 7, and that they robbed a bank at Turon, Kans., several days ago.

A young woman was with De Vol. She said she met him only last night and officers said she would be released.

Twelve of the St. Peter Hospital inmates were recaptured soon after the break, and only one, Frank Gibson, remains at large. One of the breakers, Albert Saroko, was killed by an Oklahoma City policeman in a cafe June 26.

## Formerly With Karpis.

De Vol was with Alvin Karpis early in the career of the former "public enemy No. 1," who was captured recently and now faces trial for the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer kidnappings. Together they escaped from the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson March 9, 1929.

De Vol was wanted in connection with the slaying of Policeman John Rose at Kirksville, Mo., in 1930, but avoided being returned to Missouri by pleading guilty in January, 1933, and taking a life term for his part in a Minneapolis bank robbery in which three persons were slain.

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## Grilled On Bremer Ransom



International News Photo  
**WILLIAM MEAD**  
Seized by G-Men

## Bremer Kidnaping Suspect Seized

*William Mead Held for  
Questioning by  
G-Men*

William Elmer Mead, suspect in the Bremer kidnaping case and international confidence man, will be turned over to the postal inspection service today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it has been learned.

Mead, arrested by the G-Men, is wanted by the Post Office Department for using the mails to defraud.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the G-Men, in announcing his arrest yesterday, said that Mead has been sought for some time for connection with the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer, of St. Paul. Mead's part, it was explained, was not in the actual kidnaping, but he was believed to know "a great deal" about the handling and disposition of the ransom money.

Mead is wanted not only by the Post Office Department, but by police in a dozen cities for stock swindles, shakedowns and confidence games of all sorts, it was asserted.

His criminal record extends over 40 of his 59 years, it was stated, and his swindles total hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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# Devol, Leader In Break At Asylum, Slain

## Reader, St. Peter Fugitive, Is Nab- bed; Oklahoma Of- ficer Killed.

With identification today of the slain killer of an Enid, Okla., policeman as Lawrence Devol, former Barker-Karpis machine gunner and St. Peter asylum fugitive, police claimed a cleanup of three recent Kansas bank holdups.

Devol, who escaped with 16 others from the state hospital for insane June 17, was killed in a gunfight after he had slain a policeman and wounded two others. Donald Reader, bank robber and coleader with Devol of the St. Peter break, was captured a short time later.

### Robberies Admitted.

Police said that Reader confessed that he and Devol robbed banks at Attica, Turon and Little River, Kan., during their flight south.

Devol, trigger-man in the Third Northwestern National bank holdup and triple murder in the Twin Cities Dec. 16, 1932, met the same fate as did Albert Saroko, bank robber and another leader of the break, who was shot and killed June 27 in an attempted holdup at Oklahoma City.

Killed in the capture of Devol was Patrolman Cal Palmer, shot three times, and in critical condition is Patrolman Ralph Knarr. The two officers had spotted Devol, with a girl in a beer parlor, and had gone inside to question him.



LAWRENCE DEVOL.

### Battle In Beer Parlor.

Devol was seated at a table with a girl, and, as the officer approached, he finished his beer first; then arose, whipped out a pistol, shot Palmer to death and continued firing at Knarr. He then ran out of the parlor and the girl escaped. Assistant Chief of Police Leilon Coyle and Patrolman Ted Robinson, who were posted outside, pursued Devol as he fled, cornered him in an alley two blocks away and riddled him with bullets. In the exchange of shots, Coyle was shot in the hand.

The girl captured and held without charge, gave her name as Jaunita Hunsaker, 20, Rolla, Kan.

Reader was arrested several hours later after identification of Devol had been established. Reader was found in a hotel room which he and Devol had occupied.

Police said that on Devol's person they found \$106 and in his automobile, reported stolen in Oklahoma City, was a bag containing \$132 in silver. In a hotel room occupied by Devol and Reader was \$126 in nickels.



DONALD READER.



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### ABETTING MURDER

**L**AURENCE DEVOL, leader of the  
 16 inmates who escaped from St.  
 Peter asylum, has been slain.

But before this desperate convict  
 left his life, he killed one more police-  
 man and seriously wounded another.  
 He is credited with having been the  
 "triggerman" of the Barker-Karpis  
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How such a man was transferred  
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 and perhaps two more deaths from his  
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This is a high price to pay for the  
 kind of official neglect which permits  
 a desperate man like Devol his virtual  
 freedom by means of a prison transfer.

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**U. S. Arrests Man  
For Kidnap Quiz**

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in Battle With Fugitive  
From Minn. Asylum

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The police were called to the beer

parlor by the proprietor, ~~Van~~ O'Neal, a former policeman, who feared a holdup.

Shortly after the shooting, police arrested a man who gave the name of Donald Reader. He said he was De Vol's companion, that they escaped together from the St. Peter, Minn., asylum June 7 and that they robbed a bank at Turon, Kan., several days ago.

A young woman also was with De Vol. She said she met him only last night.

Twelve of the St. Peter Hospital inmates were recaptured soon after the break and only one, Frank Gibson, remains at large. One of the breakers, Albert Saroko, was killed by an Oklahoma City policeman in a cafe June 28.

De Vol was with Alvin Karpis early in the career of the former Public Enemy No. 1, who was captured recently and now faces trial for the William Hamm and Edward G. Bremer kidnappings. Together they escaped from the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson on March 9, 1929.

De Vol was wanted in connection with the slaying of Policeman John Rose at Kirksville, Mo., in 1930, but avoided being returned to Missouri by pleading guilty in January, 1933, and taking a life term for his part in a Minneapolis bank robbery in which three persons were slain.

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# Family That Helped G-M

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MISS ALMA BRINDLEY  
Sister of Mrs. Cubbins.



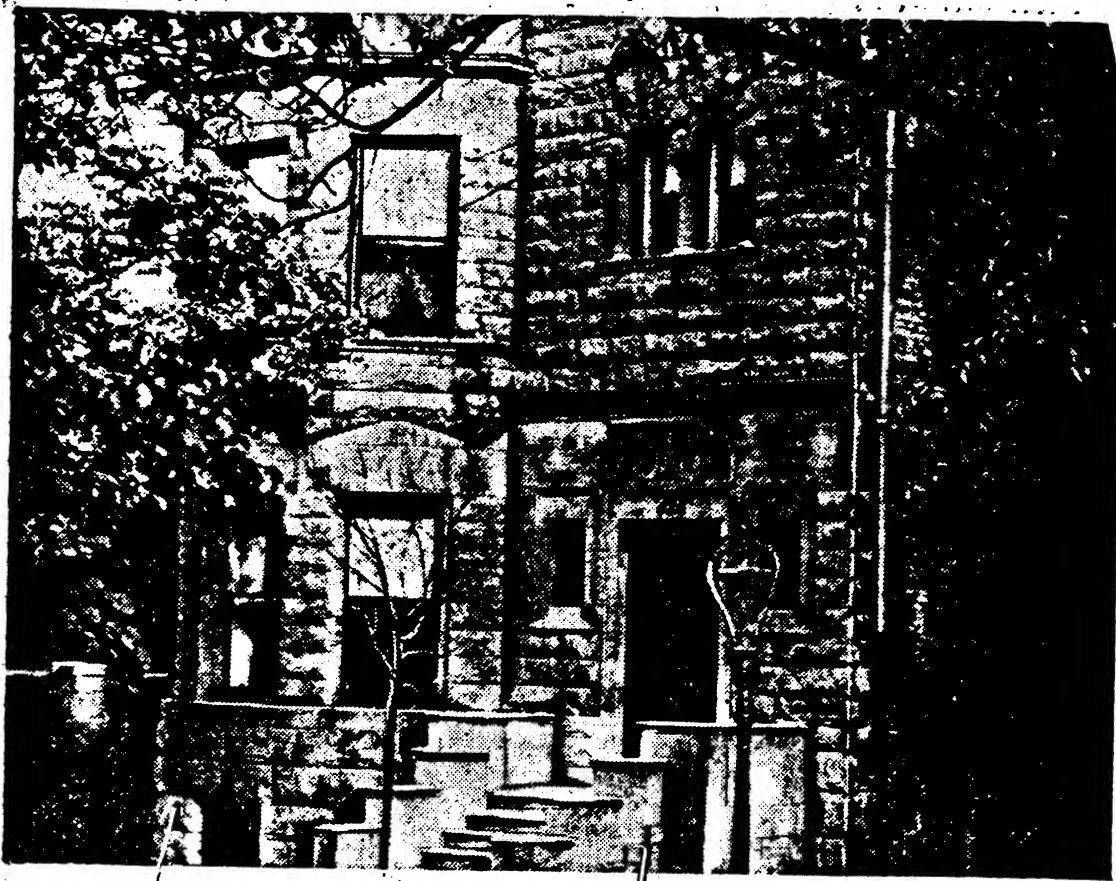
DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM CUBBINS  
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DR. CUBBINS' HOME AT 425 ARLINGTON PLACE, CHICAGO  
Sleuths Made Their Headquarters on Third Floor.

## Good Citizens Continued Their Help After Agents Left and Located Karpis

Private citizens, working hand in hand with G-men in a desperate engagement in the war on crime, supplied notable aid in the roundup of the notorious Barker-Karpis outlaw syndicate.

In this series The New York Journal is revealing for the first time the important work accomplished, at great personal sacrifice, by Dr. William R. Cubbins and his family in that sweeping victory for law and order.

The first article detailed the long, nerve-wracking wait for evidence after G-men had taken over the Cubbins home in Chicago and tapped a wire into a nearby "house of call."

Now the story reaches a stage wherein the results of this tedious preparation are attained—results that even the Federal sleuths did not anticipate when they approached Dr. Cubbins for the use of his home.

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By ELGAR BROWN.

After four weeks of dreary, outwardly fruitless surveillance by tapped wires in the home of Dr. William R. Cubbins at 425 Arlington pl., Chicago, G-men were ready to spring their trap on the Barker-Karpis gang.

Because he is a good soldier and a patriotic citizen, Dr. Cubbins had willingly acceded to the government request for co-operation and had turned over the third floor of his home to the Federal agents.

It had been a tremendous strain, particularly upon the doctor's wife, Cora Cubbins, then an invalid, and her sister, Miss Alma Brindley. But they, too, had given full co-operation.

Though G-men don't talk, the family had become aware that 439 Arlington pl., the spot under surveillance, was a "house of call" at which resided one Mildred. They knew that over the tapped wires vital information had come in connection with this woman.

They didn't know at that time, however, that Mildred was the "moll" of Arthur ("Doc") Barker, leader of the mob whose atrocities included the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul.

They hadn't even been told that the Barker-Karpis outlaws were the quarry hunted by the G-men housed above them. But they were soon to learn.

Mildred, it developed later, had been contacting a certain hotel not more than four blocks from the infamous place at 439—blissfully unaware that her every word was being recorded on the third floor at 425 and was being flashed to downtown headquarters of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

#### MILDRED TIPS AGENTS

#### TO SECOND "HANG-OUT"

This same Mildred, up to her neck in associations with "her" Dock Barker and members of his outfit, also had had communication with certain persons at 3920 Pine Grove ave.

A G-man was sent to "cover" each spot. The agent assigned to the hotel near 439 Arlington pl. had arrived just in time to observe arrival of six obviously armed men in a huge black automobile.

This tallied with information—also obtained over the wires by listeners in the Cubbins home—that "big shots" of the gang were arriving somewhere in Chicago from Minneapolis.

Nevertheless, the lone G-man at the North Side hotel found himself helpless. He saw machine guns in that big automobile. He rushed to a telephone. When he returned, the car was moving away. One man was missing.

What to do? The obvious thing was to wait for further tell-tale messages to or from 439 Arlington pl. And that's just what the agent decided to do.

#### GANGSTER PAYS VISIT TO GUARDED HOTEL

They suspected, but they were not sure, that one of the gang had checked into the hotel. They hoped it was "Doc" Barker. But they didn't know, until—

Mildred told them.

She did it unwittingly, to be sure, but her little talk with her "hero" came clear-cut over the wires to the anxious little group in the Cubbins' "spare" bedroom. And the little group went swiftly into action.

Thus it came about, late in the afternoon of Jan. 6, 1935, that Agent Tihlmann rushed into Mrs. Cubbins' sick room on the second floor, urged her to "watch for a pretty little girl in a mink coat who'll soon be swinging down the street," and vanished.

Mrs. Cubbins did look. And sure enough, presently from the entry at 439 emerged the girl. Mrs. Cubbins recalls:

"Why, she looked like a lady! She was pretty, dark and petite. She wore a very costly mink coat, and her small, turned-up hat was chic.

"As she passed our home Mr. Tihlmann met her face to face—and never batted an eye—never even glanced at her!"

#### AGENTS TRAIL GIRL

#### LEARN ROOM NUMBER

Other agents were trailing this "ladylike" girl, key figure in their hot pursuit. And it became evident she feared she was being followed.

Though the distance to the hotel was less than four blocks, Mildred decided on a short-cut.



of drug stores, news stands, a hat shop, food stores.

But the men who had heard her telephone conversation half an hour before well knew her ultimate destination—and when she nonchalantly strolled into the hotel at the end of her devious course, an equally nonchalant G-man strolled at her elbow.

Once the location of "Doc" Barker's room was ascertained, the capture of that widely reputed "bad man" was achieved with such ridiculous ease as to be anticlimactic.

When the enemy pounded on his door, half a dozen strong, "Doc" Barker elected not to fight it out. His vaunted threat "they'll never take me alive" went by the boards. He surrendered without a shot.

So quietly was the eldest of "Ma" Barker's brood of killers taken in custody that the G-men, whose pet antipathy is publicity, were able to keep that all-important coup under cover for several days.

#### MILDRED QUIZZED

#### THEN SET FREE

They took Mildred along, too, of course, for Mildred was in Barker's room when the trap was sprung. But while "Doc" went to prison for life, the little girl who unwittingly led agents to her sweetheart's lair was questioned, re-questioned, and released.

Whether Mildred shook off the piercing surveillance of the Government when she was released is a moot question. G-men don't usually operate that way. At any rate, it is a foregone conclusion that she did not return to 439 Arlington pl., where "Madams" Barbara and Patricia probably mourned her departure.

Did "Doc" Barker talk? Those sphinx-like G-men never answered the question. But, as a matter of fact, he didn't have to talk.

In the hotel room where the agents had interrupted an intimate tete-a-tete between Barker and his Mildred, a letter was found that was to spell death for two more of the Barker clan.

It was in "Ma" Barker's own handwriting. She mentioned a big white house by the lake. And the envelope was postmarked Oklawaha, Fla. But more of that story in its proper place...

#### TENSION IN HOME

#### AGAIN INCREASED

Back in the once-placid but now badly disorganized Cubbins home, the tension was near the breaking point. Agents slipped up and down the back stairway, furtive and quiet as ever, but in constantly increasing numbers.

The family hadn't been told of the capture of "Doc" Barker, but intuition told Dr. Cubbins and his womenfolk that important events were in the making. There was an added undertone of excitement in the subdued conversation in the third floor, rear, apartment.

Trained for nearly a month in the secretive ways of their G-men guests, which passeth all understanding, Dr. Cubbins refrained from asking questions. Nevertheless, he knew long before the general public knew that "Doc" Barker had gone the way of all arch-criminals.

It is safe to assume that at this stage, with Barker and the girl safely ensconced in separate downtown hotels, other members of the gang in Chicago just then were as much at sea as was the Cubbins family.

#### RAID BRINGS KICK

#### TO SURPRISED AGENTS

For in the two succeeding days, sundry persons kept the wires that led to 439 Arlington pl. alive with messages. The G-men at the Cub-

bins home got them all—even those in code, which Federal agents transcribed with more facility than you'd believe.

And on the evening of Jan. 8 they were ready to strike again. Nobody but themselves can say just what led them to raid the flat at 3920 Pine Grove ave. on that particular evening. But it is definitely certain that little Mildred, through one of her numerous calls, had supplied that address.

It was a well-timed gesture at that. The raiders were led by E. J. Connelley, who had been rushed to Chicago from the Cincinnati bureau when it became evident that the gang was centering here.

Among those prominently present, too, was our old friend "Doc" White, the Texan who had spent many long days with his ear glued to the telephone in the Cubbins home "headquarters."

#### BOLTON ARRESTED.

#### GIVES AID TO U. S.

The story of that bloody raid and the impressive triumph of the G-men has been told and retold, but never quite accurately.

For instance, it may now be revealed that agents did not know positively the identity of the man and two women who had occupied that flat for some time prior to the arrival, a few days before the raid, of Russell Gibson, alias "Slim" Gray.

They didn't even know the second man's identity after they had captured him. He was at first identified tentatively as Willie Harrison, a minor St. Louis hoodlum.

Imagine their surprise and satisfaction when a checkup of fingerprints and other records disclosed their prisoner as Byron Bolton, an



# How G-Men Finally Sprang Trap on Barker

Important cog in the Barker-Karpis crime machine and one of those indicted long before in the Bremer kidnaping case!

At any rate, Connelley led his men to 3920 Pine Grove ave. on the bitter cold night of Jan. 8. Agents guarded front and rear entrances. Connelley himself led the way to the apartment entrance, rang the bell and shouted through the speaking tube:

"Come on down, one at a time. The place is surrounded."

A woman was on the stairs at the time. She was identified later as Clara Gibson, wife of Russell. She screamed, ran back to the apartment, locked the door.

Russell Gibson, agents knew, was a "snow-bird," or user of cocaine. Maybe he had a last shot that night to supply the false courage that led to his death.

At any rate, Russell donned a "bullet proof" vest, seized a heavy automatic and stole out the back door to do battle. "Doc" White and others were waiting. They let him have it.

If "Doc" was using that old frontier weapon of his, the chances are he cannot be credited with killing Gibson. For the fatal bullets ripped through that steel vest and dropped the gangster in his tracks. The ancient weapon of the Texas Ranger would hardly wreak that much damage.

Other raiders, meanwhile, were invoking a modern method of warfare to rout the remaining occupants of the besieged apartment—tear gas. From nearby roofs a volley of bombs made the quarters untenable.

The man, later fingered as Bolton, and the two women, surrendered.

They carted Gibson to a morgue and Bolton and the women to rooms of inquisition, and that was that. Written on the records was

the second heroic achievement of the G-men, won as a direct result of wire-tapping activities within the cloistered home of Dr. Cubbins.

## CUBBINS KIN AIDS

### IN ANOTHER ATTACK

The chief value of Bolton's arrest, as it happened, was that Byron talked garrulously. In point of fact, he had taken no active part in the Bremer "snatch." His job was to take care of Fred Goetz' wife while Fred was participating in the atrocious crime.

But Goetz had told much to Bolton afterward, and now Bolton told just as much to his questioners. At "Doc" Barker's trial in St. Paul, Bolton took the stand and bared the entire plot.

Well, let's look in once more on the Cubbins residence. The doctor, his wife and her sister, of course, had learned of the successful Pine Grove ave. raid. Disturbed as they had been by the under-cover activities centering in their home, they now felt a warm glow of personal pride.

Their sacrifice had not been in vain. They had had at least a small part in an important service to their government. They were in no way sorry they had aided this movement—though, frankly, they viewed with some relief the G-men visitors' preparations to leave.

"Doc" White was flying South—he didn't say where. The others were leaving, too—for unknown destinations. It seemed that the Cubbins' contribution to the cause of law and order had ended.

But it hadn't. The wire connection and head phone which had brought such splendid results were

left in the third floor room. Members of the family were invited "listen in" when they could. Case of "anything hot" they were to notify downtown headquarters immediately.

Thus was Miss Alma Brindle enabled, by a remarkable stroke of fortune, to direct Federal agents to the lair of Alvin Karpis himself.

*Final victories in this strange alliance between G-men and private citizens, with a cheer, farewell to the Barker-Karpis gang and its nefarious activities are included in the closing article of this series.*

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Mead was a confidant of Louis Piquett, Chicago lawyer convicted of harboring a Dillinger gangster, Hoover stated. Piquett is serving a two year term in Leavenworth for the crime.

Mead's arrest in Jacksonville was on a charge of swindling a man out of \$13,000. He jumped a \$10,000 bond at that city and when arrested later at Chicago, again jumped a \$10,000 bond.

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# OFFICER SLAIN, ONE SHOT IN GUN FIGHT

By Associated Press  
ENID, Okla., July 9.—A young  
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Karpis Pal Slain in Gun Battle

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hunted leader of 16 convicts who  
escaped from a Minnesota criminal  
insane asylum last month.  
Woolwine said the gunman's fin-  
gerprints and description tallied  
perfectly with those on a police  
circular describing De Vol.  
The gangster shot and killed  
Patrolman Cal Palmer and seri-  
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Ralph Knarr, when they approached  
him in a beer parlor late last night.

## KILLED AFTER CHASE

Assistant Chief of Police Leon  
Coyle chased De Vol into an alley  
and shot him to death. One of  
Coyle's fingers was clipped off in  
the gun battle.

Police held a man who told Ser-  
geant Woolwine he was Donald  
Reader, companion of De Vol and  
that both escaped from the St.  
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## DESCRIBES BATTLE

The officers were called to the  
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Witnesses said the man identified  
as De Vol was sitting in a booth  
with another man and two women  
when the officers entered.

"Let me finish drinking my  
beer," he was quoted as saying.  
"I think I know what you want  
me for."

L. J. Edwards, Enid foundry  
worker, said when the officers  
paused, the man suddenly drained  
his stein, lowered it to the table,  
drew a pistol and began firing.

Knarr and Palmer fell. One of  
the gunman's bullets creased Ed-  
ward's leg.

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INDIANAPOLIS STAR  
July 9, 1936

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**MEAD WANTED  
HERE ON \$59,500  
U. S. TAX CHARGE**

United States District Attorney Michael L. Igoe today revealed that William Elmer Mead, whom he described as one of the slickest confidence men in the trade, was very much in demand here to face trial on charges of evading payment of a tax on \$59,500 income for 1932. Mead was seized yesterday in Omaha, Neb.

This income, he said, was obtained by swindling L. P. Baker, wealthy retired Boston (Mass.) shoe manufacturer, and Martin Wunderlich, St. Paul (Minn.) contractor, by the ancient method of saying he had a wire to the tracks which would give race results before the bookmakers got them.

Assistant District Attorney E. Riley Campbell had warrants against Mead, sometimes known as "The Christian Kid," reinstated today before Federal Judges John P. Barnes and Charles E. Woodward. The 59-year-old Mead is wanted for questioning in the Bremer kidnaping case, and also on a mail fraud case in Jacksonville, Fla., where he is said to have jumped \$10,000 bail in 1933.

Igoe wired the department of justice to see whether Mead should be tried in Chicago or Jacksonville.

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# De Vol, Escaped Lunatic, Is Slain

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A companion fugitive, Donald Reeder, was captured shortly after the shooting.

Before he was cornered in an alley and killed by four officers, De Vol shot to death Cal Palmer, a policeman, and seriously wounded Ralph Knarr, a fellow officer.

The officers went to a beer parlor to question De Vol as a suspect.

## FINISHES BEER, SHOTS

De Vol, sitting with a girl, finished the beer, rose, whipped out a pistol and shot Palmer to death. He continued firing, wounding Knarr. Then he ran from the beer parlor.

Within a few minutes other officers, in the vicinity on information that the suspects were near at hand, spotted De Vol on the street. When the officers attempted to arrest him he leaped on a passing automobile. The driver, seeing the officers in pursuit, stopped the car.

Shooting, De Vol started to run again. A fusillade from the officers' guns brought him down.

Reeder was arrested without offering resistance.

## WOMAN IS HELD

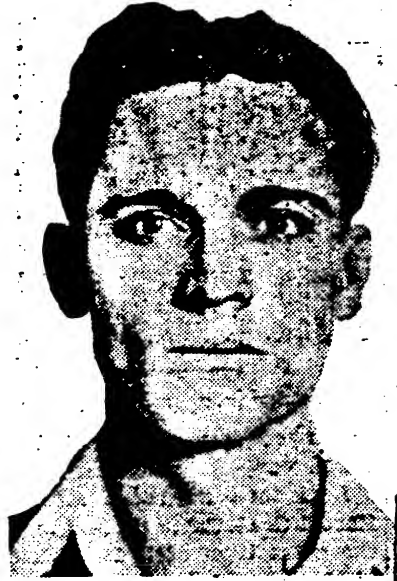
The woman with De Vol was held without formal charge.

Reeder told officers he and De Vol, traveling together, had robbed banks at Turon, Little River and Attica, Kan. On the body of the slain fugitive was found \$106. In their automobile, reported stolen in Oklahoma City, was a bag containing \$132 in silver. In a hotel room they had occupied was \$126 in nickels.

Identification was established by fingerprints.

The police department had not decided what disposition would be made of Reeder. Police records showed he was wanted in Kirksville, Mo., for the slaying of a highway patrolman and a sheriff.

A third of the fugitives from the Minnesota institution, Albest Soroko, was shot to death in an attempted safe robbery in Oklahoma city three weeks ago.



Lawrence De Vol

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CHICAGO DAILY TIMES

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Linked with Piquett, Gang  
Lawyer, U. S. Charges.

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W. E. MEAD.

The prisoner  
was said to have  
been a confidant  
of Louis Piquett,  
Chicago lawyer  
now serving a  
two year term  
at Leavenworth  
prison for har-  
boring Homer  
Van Meter, Dillinger gangster.

Mead was arrested at a local hotel  
by James L. Flood, acting special  
agent in charge of the Omaha office  
of the federal bureau of investiga-  
tion, and another agent.

## Faces Mail Fraud Charge.

After Mead is questioned about the  
St. Paul abduction he will be turned  
over to postal inspectors and prob-  
ably will be returned to Jacksonville,  
Fla., where he is under indictment  
on a mail fraud charge. He jumped  
a \$10,000 bond following his release  
on that charge in 1933.

Arrest orders for Mead went out  
to federal agents in various cities  
after the department of justice  
checked his mutilated finger prints  
a year ago.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the  
federal bureau of investigation, said  
the mutilation of Mead's fingerprints  
was performed by the same doctors  
who performed facial and fingerprint  
operations on John Dillinger and Van  
Meter.

## Keeps Widespread Contacts.

Hoover said Mead had maintained  
a highly efficient system of criminal  
contacts throughout the United States  
and that he has operated in foreign  
countries during his long career as a  
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Flood indicated U. S. agents had completed questioning of Mead in connection with the kidnapping at St. Paul of Edward J. Bremer, but did not divulge what replies Mead gave to questions.

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# KARPIS MOBSTER AND OFFICER DIE IN PISTOL BATTLE

Leader Of Insane Hospital  
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ALBANY (N.Y.) EVENING NEWS  
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# 'Lucky to Live,' Says Fugitive, His Pal Killed

Slain Triggerman for Barker-Karpis Gang Felled by Volley.

By the Associated Press.

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It was a long time—15 months—before the G-men caught up with Alvin Karpis again. When they did trap him last May 1 in front of a rooming house in New Orleans, he—like "Doc" Barker—submitted without a struggle.

Equally supine was Harry Campbell when the Government sleuths located him a week later in Toledo, O.

Among those pleased and deeply comforted by the Karpis-Campbell arrests last May, marking the final gestures in the complete roundup of a most notorious crew of cutthroats, were Dr. Cubbins and his womenfolk.

Gone are the G-men, gone the equipment which led directly to the downfall of the once-powerful, once-feared Barker-Karpis gang.

# PLEA FOR U. S. AID IN WENDEL CASE STUDIED

Hoffman Discounts Move to  
Invoke Lindbergh Law on  
2 Parkers and Others Held

Although discounted by Gov. Hoffman of New Jersey, Federal intervention in the Paul H. Wendel kidnaping case, through the medium of the Lindbergh Law, was being given serious consideration last night.

Attorney General Cummings in Washington announced formal request for such action had come from U. S. Attorney Leo J. Hickey in Brooklyn. Hickey said he merely had "communicated" with the attorney general.

## Try to Extradite 2

The case is now focused on the attempt to extradite Ellis H. Parker, Sr., Burlington County, N. J., detective, and his son. Both Parkers have been indicted in Brooklyn as leading participants in the kidnaping of Wendel.

Gov. Hoffman has refused to extradite the elder Parker. The younger Parker returned to his home Wednesday night after three months' absence.

Yesterday District Attorney Geoghan of Brooklyn was preparing extradition proceedings aimed at the son.

Another request to Cummings for Federal investigation was made by former Magistrate Joseph Goldstein, as attorney for Harry Weiss, also indicted in the plot. Goldstein contended his client was being made a scapegoat.

## Grand Jurors Active

Possible Federal procedure also was reported by a Newark newspaper to have been discussed by some Federal grand jurors with Judge Guy L. Fike of the U. S. District Court in Newark. However, U. S. Attorney John J. Quinn, of New Jersey, said he would take no action unless requested to do so by Cummings.

The plea for Federal action is based on the contention that Wendel was abducted in Manhattan, tortured into "confessing" the Lindbergh crime in Brooklyn and then taken forcibly across the New Jersey State line to the home of Ellis Parker, Sr.

## Hoffman Skeptical

Gov. Hoffman attempted to throw this down on the basis of an affidavit by Murray Bleefeld, also under indictment in the Wendel case. This affidavit said Wendel was questioned in such a manner that he eventually asked to be taken to the home of detective Parker and went by his own volition.

Hoffman also cited the case of Garrett Schenck, a New Jersey resident, who was "kidnaped" to Pennsylvania and held there 72 days in 1934. He said J. Edgar Hoover, head of the G-men, refused to act in this case because there was no evidence Schenck had been held for ransom or reward. There is no question of ransom in the Wendel case.

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**Identified**



Lawrence De Vol, Karpis-Barker gangster, identified as victim of Oklahoma police bullets after he slew officer.

## POLICE KILL KARPIS AIDE

**De Vol, Who Escaped With Others From Asylum, Had Slain Officer**

ENID (Okla.) July 9. (AP)—A young gunman shot to death after he killed an Enid policeman and wounded two others was identified early today by Desk Sergeant Harold Woolwine as Lawrence De Vol, Karpis-Barker gangster and widely hunted leader of sixteen convicts who escaped from a Minnesota criminal insane asylum last month.

### PRINTS TALLY

Woolwine said the gunman's fingerprints and description tallied perfectly with those on a police circular describing De Vol.

The gangster shot and killed Patrolman Cal Palmer and seriously wounded his fellow officer, Ralph Knarr, when they approached him in a beer parlor late last night.

Assistant Chief of Police Lelon Coyle chased De Vol into an alley and shot him to death. One of Coyle's fingers was clipped off in the gun battle.

### HOLD FUGITIVE

Police held a man who told Sergt. Woolwine he was Donald Reeder, companion of De Vol, and that both escaped from the St. Peter (Minn.) Hospital for the Criminal Insane on June 7 with thirteen other inmates.

Twelve were captured later and one was killed in Oklahoma City.

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